

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity.

Each claim amendment is supported by each claim, as originally filed, and the specification.

Claim 15 is canceled without prejudice.

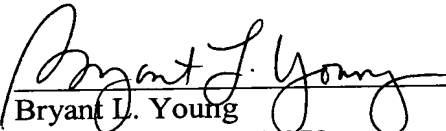
Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-14 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the claim amendments.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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